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E.O. 12065: NA  
TAGS: PINS, AF  
SUBJECT: AMBUSH AT SUROBI

1. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL SOURCES, AFGHAN INSURGENTS  
AMBUSHED TWO EUROPEAN TRUCKS ON MAIN HIGHWAY BETWEEN  
KABUL AND TORKHAM JANUARY 21. REPORTEDLY, AMBUSH OCCURRED  
BETWEEN JALALABAD AND SUROBI AT ABOUT 6:00 P.M. TWO  
GERMAN AND ONE AUSTRIAN NATIONALS ARE REPORTEDLY MISSING  
IN INCIDENT.

2. ILL ADVISED THOUGH IT MAY SEEM, SEVERAL EUROPEAN  
TRUCK LINES HAVE CONTINUED PLYING MAIN AFGHAN ROADS UP  
TIL NOW, DESPITE DEPRADATIONS BY INSURGENTS. INDEED,  
EUROPEAN OVERLAND DRIVERS HAVE BECOME A FAVORITE SOURCE  
FOR JOURNALISTS AT PESHAWAR INTERCON HOTEL.  
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